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V3 NEW ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM

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Project Status Update

The Health Plan Administration System (HPAS) Project is progressing very well. We are well into the Solutions Design phase with the Project Set-Up and Discovery phases completed. Solutions Statements, documents that provide a broad overview of future business processes, have been completed and the Implementation Team began work on the Design Specifications in early July.

This phase of the project is the design of the actual Internet and Intranet screens, fields, edits, and security for every piece of data that HPAS will capture. It also consists of interfaces, letters, billing statements and reports. Each specification takes approximately 2 to 10 days to write and review. Small groups work on each aspect of the new functionality. Some specifications are as small as 10 pages while others can be as much as a couple of hundred pages. The Implementation Team is a beehive of activity!!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

V3 HPAS Web address:
www.dch.georgia.gov

Solutions analysts from Vitech will use the Design Specifications to communicate to the developers and programmers the "customized" features of the application necessary to meet SHBP's business rules.

Although the Department is, so to speak, buying an "off-the-shelf" application, there are still close to 400 of these detailed specifications that must be written, reviewed, and accepted for Rollout 1 and Rollout 2.

The Implementation Team, following completion of the Conference Room Pilot (CRP) in early May, has had access to the HPAS prototype of the V3 application. This application is updated weekly and provides team members with the opportunity to "play in our own sandbox." Access to the sandbox provides the team with a valuable common framework for reference to facilitate discussion during Design Specification development. Additionally, the team recently gained the capability to view some converted member and dependent data in another instance of V3.

At our current pace, we anticipate our go-live date for HPAS Rollout 1 (that includes the "core" eligibility, billing and accounting functionality) will be March 1, 2006. Additional functionality (imaging, work flow, etc.) will follow in Rollout 2 during the summer of 2006.

V3 HPAS Web Site

The V3 HPAS project information web site is open for business!! You may visit the site at www.dch.georgia.gov for the most current information about the progress of the project.

Payroll Location System Survey Results

In anticipation of the new SHBP eligibility system (V3 HPAS), we emailed an online survey in June 2005 to solicit information regarding payroll location Internet connectivity and system support.

> From responding payroll locations (PRL), we found that 93% of PRLs do not send data transmissions showing payroll deductions for healthcare to the SHBP.

At this time we have approximately 60% of payroll locations committed to electronic interfacing of their employee data. An interim manual process is being developed for those payroll locations who will not be transmitting electronic files. Payroll location training, scheduled for February 2006, will include the process for manual data input.

Payroll locations interfacing their payroll and employee data will do so through the V3 web site. The V3 site is a secure site that all payroll locations will be able to access via the Internet. These files will be transmitted by logging onto the Web site and uploading the file through the Web site. This process will be used for the import and export of data transmissions.

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